

1922 FIRE LOSS IS GREATEST IN CITY'S HISTORY

Damages in Year Expected to
Exceed \$1,000,000. Com-
pared With \$734,292 in '21

THEATER DISASTER CITED

Officials Say Knickerbocker
Catastrophe Biggest Even
Handled by the Department

Fire losses in the District for 1922 were the highest in the history of the city, according to officials of the fire department, whose records for the first eleven months of 1922 total \$983,539, against \$734,292 for the full twelve months of 1921.

Losses for December, 1922, have not been compiled, but with a loss of \$15,000 at the plant of E. C. Shaffer & Co., Thirteenth and M streets northwest, as well as numerous small fires during the month, the total loss during the year is expected to exceed \$1,000,000.

GREATEST WORK OF YEAR.

The most outstanding occurrence in the activities of the Fire Department during the year was the rescue work during the Knickerbocker disaster on January 28.

The total Fire Department apparatus called to the scene consisted of twenty engine companies, seven truck companies, the water tower, the chief engineer, the deputy chief engineer, three battalion chief engineers, the superintendent of machinery and his force of mechanics, the fire marshal and his assistants and all members assigned to department headquarters.

On the same night a condition unprecedented in the history of the District was created when two other alarms were received, causing a hasty round-up of apparatus and men at the theater to fight the fires.

WILLARD LOSS, \$100,000.

In his annual report, Chief George S. Watson declared that never in its history had the Fire Department been called upon to cope with a situation such as existed during the Knickerbocker disaster.

The greatest fire loss during the year resulted at the Hotel Willard, April 25, when five alarms were sounded. The loss was estimated at \$100,000.

The first fire of the year which caused additional alarms to be sounded was on January 21, when two alarms were sounded for a blaze in a two-story brick stable and flour mill at First street and Indiana avenue northwest. The loss was estimated at \$5,320.

HAD ADDITIONAL ALARMS.

Other fires for which additional alarms were sounded during the year follow:

January 28, fire in two-story brick apartment houses located at 1927 and 1929 Fourteenth street northwest. Estimated loss, \$13,050.

January 29, fire in three-story brick apartment, dwelling and rooming houses at 1714, 1716 and 1718 H street northwest. \$31,650.

February 8, fire in United States Treasury. \$12,000.

February 15, fire in three-story brick hardware store, commission house and feed store located at 1101 and 1003 B street northwest. \$10,500.

February 20, fire in three-story brick wholesale grocery store, 608 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. \$5,500.

FIRE IN APARTMENT.

February 24, fire in four-story brick apartment house at 814 Twenty-second street northwest. \$4,135.

March 5, fire in two-story brick lunchroom and commission house located at 915-917 B street northwest. \$4,550.

April 8, fire in Southern building, Fifteenth and H streets northwest. \$14,996.

April 23, fire in Willard Hotel. \$400,081.

April 24, fire in six-story brick lodging house, 622 Louisiana avenue northwest. \$650.

April 29, fire in three two-story frame dwellings at 1415, 1417 and 1419 Thirty-third street northwest. \$3,550.

May 1, fire in three-story brick drug store at 904 F street northwest. \$18,750.

May 1, fire in six-story apartment house and hotel, Fourteenth street and Vermont avenue northwest. \$6,350.

May 3, fire in United States Treasury. \$25,000.

May 11, fire in store 1113 G street northwest. \$25,000.

June 27, fire in two-story brick wholesale grocery store, 3330-3332 M street northwest. \$16,500.

July 3, fire in five-story flour mill, 2261 K street northwest. \$94,286.

August 30, fire in electric freight

PIERCE BUTLER, of Minnesota, who will take the oath Tuesday as associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. This is the first photograph made since his arrival here.



TOO ARDENT SUITOR CURBED FOR YEAR.

Writer Sentenced to Stay
Away From Widow On Pen-
alty of Workhouse.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A sentence of one year on probation with a warning that if he does not keep away from the complainant in that time he will be sent to the workhouse, was meted out to George Petrides, forty. He is a Greek editorial writer.

Petrides was arrested on a charge of molesting Mrs. Effie Chambers, widow, No. 611 West One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street. Declaring he was "madly in love with Mrs. Chambers," and "the fire of her charm" consumed him, Petrides was committed to jail for a day.

"I hope you have cooled off by now," said Magistrate Sweetser, after reading a report on the editor's character. The report stated the man was highly regarded by his associates.

HAIR NETS COME BACK.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Those relics of the eighties, the hair net, are returning to favor again, but not in their original form. The modern hair net is invisible and are certain to find many converts.

Girls of Boston Start Warfare Against Flirts

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—BOSTON girls have declared war on the flirts. That their crusade may have the semblance of united action they have adopted as an insignia a button on which is depicted a lizard impaled on a halpin.

Whether the boys with the patent leather hair may expect a similar fate is not stated by the fair crusaders. Leaders of the movement state there is no membership limitation and no dues.

Ancient Deed Is Found In Old Bureau Drawer

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 30.—An interesting discovery has been made here by C. O. Glasgow, dealer in antiques, who recently purchased a bureau which he found in a country home in one of the adjoining counties. Examining the piece of furniture after removing the layer of drawers, he found in the rear out of sight a piece of parchment, yellow with age, but still clearly legible. Unfolding it he found that it was an original royal grant by which King George III conveyed to Josiah Seat 300 acres of land in "Mecklenburgh" County for the price of 40 shillings, or about \$10.

RETURN CASH BOX MISSING 20 YEARS

Seek Owner of Securities
Found Intact In Corner of
Woman's Woodshed.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 30.—A cash box, stolen twenty years ago, is to be returned to its owner, and finger prints taken from the box may prove the undoing of the burglar who looted the Paulsen Building here last summer.

Twenty years ago a man was stopping at a hotel here. A burglar entered his room and stole a cash box containing a quantity of mining stock and life insurance policies.

A short time before the Paulsen building robbery this summer, a woman living in the northern part of the city appeared at the office of an attorney in the Paulsen building, carrying the missing cash box.

She explained that while clearing out some rubbish from a woodshed she had found the box. It had been broken open and the mining stock and insurance policies were still intact.

The attorney placed the cash box in the Paulsen building vaults for safe keeping and began a search for James H. Rufus, who was listed as the owner of the securities.

Then burglar No. 2 appeared, went through the Paulsen building and robbed the vaults. Among other things ransacked were the papers

in the old box belonging to James H. Rufus.

When fingerprint experts began to work upon the second burglary they found that the old box had been handled by the burglar and were able to take excellent prints from it. Local authorities are of the opinion that these prints may aid in catching the culprit.

Meanwhile a James H. Rufus had been located at Everett, Wash., and if he proves to be the owner of the cash box, both the box and its contents will be restored to him.

Blame Fire In Closet On Old Hunting Coat

WARREN, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Mrs. F. E. Dunnivant, of Warren, Ohio, was searching in a clothes closet. She accidentally knocked her husband's hunting coat from a hook. The coat fell in a basket partly filled with hickory nuts. Matches in a pocket rubbed heads and flared.

An hour and a half later the second-floor rooms were filled with smoke and firemen extinguished the blaze.

PLEADS GUILTY TO FRAUD.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 29.—Walter C. Lassiter, confidential man and bookkeeper for the McCurdy Real Estate Company, yesterday entered a plea of guilty to defrauding the concern of \$35,000. He had been working for the firm for a salary of \$75 a month for years. He was sentenced to prison for five years.

Accountants!

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"The National's" January Clearance Sale

Begins Tuesday. Still Lower Prices on Guaranteed Furniture of All Kinds to Clear It From Our Floors. Easy Credit Terms



THIS FOUR-PIECE WALNUT BED-ROOM SUITE, as pictured, is a very good value at this price. Consists of Dresser and Vanity with mirrors, Chiffonier and Bed. January Clearance price..... \$135.00

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Extension Table



January
Clearance
Price,
\$14.75

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Golden Oak Rocker



January
Clearance
Price,
\$3.49

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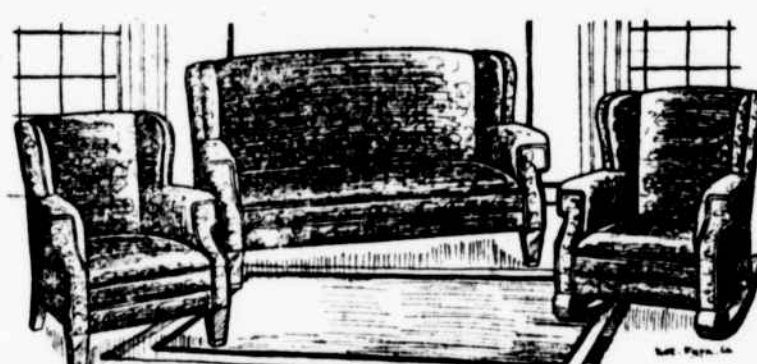
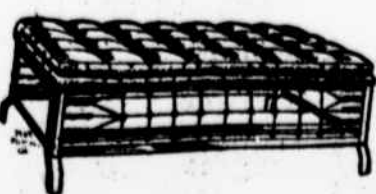
Drop-Side Couch

With Pad

January Clearance Price,

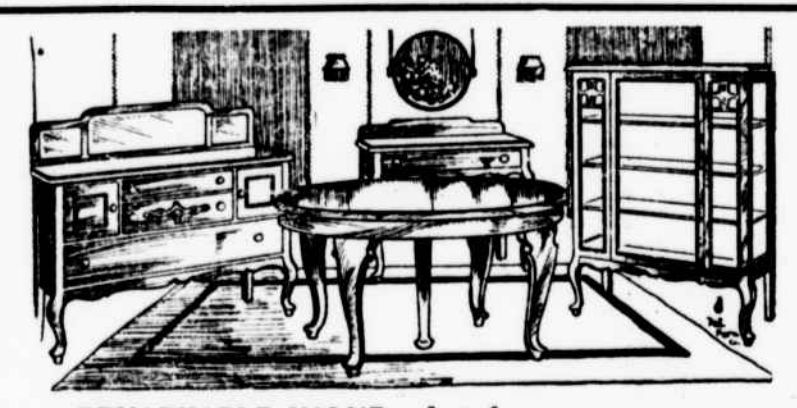
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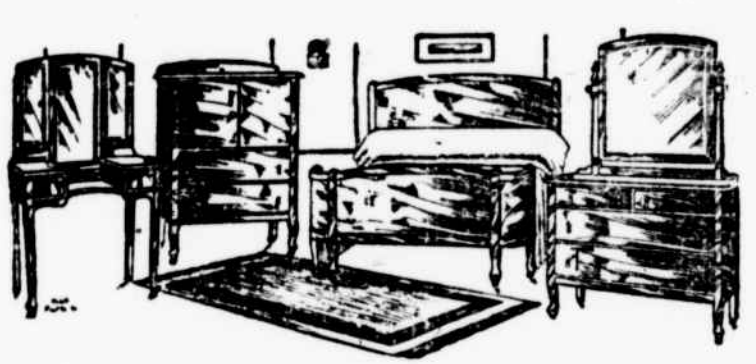
HERE IS A BIG THREE-PIECE OVERSTUFFED LIVING ROOM SUITE, just like the picture, that is another wonderful value. Settee, Rocker and Armchair, covered with good grade of tapestry. To clear these suites out quickly, we're marking them for our January Clearance at..... \$94.50

Easy Credit Terms



A REMARKABLE VALUE. Just four left of these Four-Piece Jacobean Oak Dining Room Suites, as pictured; comprising large Buffet, China Cabinet, Serving Table and Extension Table. A wonderful value at this very low price. January Clearance Price..... \$119.75

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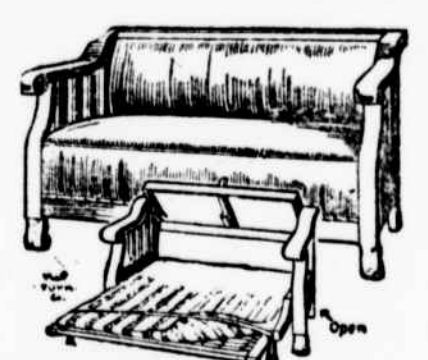
THIS FOUR-PIECE WALNUT BED-ROOM SUITE, like the picture, consists of large, roomy Dresser with plate mirror, Man's Chiffonette, Semi-Vanity and full-size Bow-end Bed. January Clearance price..... \$125.00

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Golden Oak Duofold

January
Clearance
Price,
\$28.75

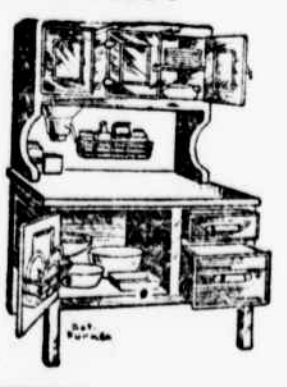
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Kitchen Cabinet

January
Clearance
Price,
\$27.50

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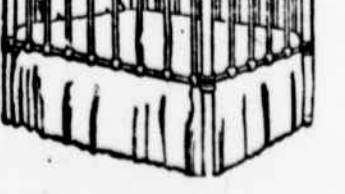


Crib and Mattress

January Clearance Price,

\$10.75

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Pneumonia Dragged Him
Down Too Weak to
Work—His Stomach
Was Weak.

ACHY, WEAK, MISERABLE
BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW

"A lot of people here in Washington know me, and I am giving this testimonial because I feel I am only repaying my debt to Earle's Hypo-Cod," declared John Miller, a well-known butcher here in town, 310 D street northwest.

"I had an attack of fever and pneumonia and it left me a wreck. I was weak and rundown and very thin. I could not work at all, as the work of a butcher is heavy work anyhow. I suffered with pains in my back. My stomach was weak. Nothing I ate agreed with me, until I read about Hypo-Cod in the paper. I began taking it at once and now I consider Hypo-Cod the only tonic in the world for weak men. I had fallen away until I only weighed 140 pounds

when I started on Hypo-Cod and now I weigh 210 pounds which is some difference. I'm a walking advertisement for Hypo-Cod. All my friends were amazed at my regaining my strength and weight so quick. I work hard all day at my work and at night come home and eat enough for three men," continued this big, hearty vigorous, booster for Hypo-Cod.

If the reader isn't enjoying good health—just a bottle or two of Hypo-Cod is possibly all they need to begin eating hearty-digesting food better, enjoying hot cakes, ham and cabbage, and other winter foods, turkey and dressing, Onions, etc. Then you get rich blood. Don't feel chilly and cold outdoors. You get some real color. Add on a few pounds—feel, sleep, eat and look better and the cost of a couple bottles of this pure wholesome tonic is trifling. Ask about our special offer on 3-bottle Hypo-Cod treatment, free tablets, etc. Why should anybody feel sluggish, mean and unuring these snappy cold days? Peoples Drug Stores, Washington, D. C.